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Meloto seeks 'clarity' in Church policy on GK

By Joanna I. Andrade

GAWAD KALINGA FOUNDER ANTONIO Meloto yesterday sought "clarity and consistency" in Church policy with regard to accepting donations for GK projects, maintaining that the organization's work has always been pro-life.

MELOTO/A6

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Erap gives poor rich rice, tips on condoms

By Allison W. Lopez and Christine O. Avendaño

TAKE NOTE, IT'S NOT NFA RICE.

Ousted President Joseph Estrada gave Tondo's poor folk a chance to taste the more expensive commercial rice by giving away 5,000 gift packs on the eve of his 71st birthday yesterday.

Estrada also visited an orphanage in Paco, talked about the country's population problem and said it was "about

ERAP/A14



SHOES OF THE FISHERMAN, CIRCA 2008 Playfully dubbed the "Prada Pope" for his red loafers, Benedict XVI wears the papal footwear's traditional color. Red symbolizes the blood of martyrs. (Story on Page A8)

Pope apologizes; sex abuse victims weep

WASHINGTON—FOR 25 REMARKABLE minutes, the shepherd of the world's 1 billion Catholics met with a handful of victims of the worst scandal to ever tarnish the US church.

In a chapel Thursday, Pope Benedict XVI prayed with weeping victims of clergy sex abuse, an extraordinary gesture from a pontiff who has made atoning for the great shame of the US Church the cornerstone of his first papal trip to America.

Three victims told CNN they were deeply moved by the way Benedict apologized, listened to and comforted them.

"It was absolutely emotional," one of them, Olan Horne, said.

One man, abused as an altar boy, said he placed his hand over Benedict's heart as he pleaded with him to fix the problem of sexual abuse of minors.

"They prayed together. Also, each of them had their own individual time with the Holy Father," a papal spokesperson said. "Some were in tears."

Bernie McDaid, one of the victims, said he told the Pope he was an altar boy when he was abused and "it wasn't just sexual abuse, it was spiritual abuse. And I want you to know that. And then I told him that he has a cancer growing in his ministry, and needs to do something about it. And I hope he hears me ... and he nodded."

The Pope himself had requested the meeting.

Benedict's third day in the US began with a packed open-air Mass celebrated in 10 languages at the Washington Nationals baseball stadium, and it included a speech to Roman Catholic college and university presidents.

But the real drama happened privately in the chapel of the papal embassy between events.

POPE/A8

'GMA job is on the line'

4 criminal cases filed vs Nani detailed

By Jocelyn R. Uy and Jerome Aning

THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSman yesterday went ahead and formally filed four criminal cases against ex-Justice Secretary Hernando "Nani" Perez before the Sandiganbayan.

The charges were filed two days after the Office of the Ombudsman threw out Perez's two petitions to overturn its previous decision affirming his indictment for allegedly extorting $2 million from former Manila Rep. Mark Jimenez, who once served as then President Joseph Estrada's financial adviser.

But Perez and his lawyers moved quickly and asked the Supreme Court to stop the Ombudsman from proceeding with the cases filed against him.

In a 60-page petition for certiorari filed at around 4:50 p.m., Perez said the main complainant, Jimenez, had already withdrawn his case, effectively quashing it.

The charges are robbery, falsification of documents and violation of Republic Act 3019 (the antigraft law) and of RA 6713

CRIMINAL/A6

So, NFA to import more rice in '08 even at P50-B loss



GRADUATION MARCH Students of UP Manila disrupted their own graduation at the PICC on Friday, took over the stage for a full-blown protest rally. Smiling, Chief Justice Reynato Puno, the guest speaker, said "it's freedom of expression and shows the rich tradition of UP." Faculty, other UP officials just sat back and let the graduates be. Also, security were caught flat-footed and helpless to stop them.

THE NATIONAL FOOD Authority yesterday said it planned to import more rice this year even at a loss to enable the country to meet its food needs, and a foreign economist said the government had to make such procurements because the job of President Macapagal-Arroyo was at stake.

Darren Cooper, a senior economist with the International Grains Council (IGC), was quoted by Reuters news agency in London as saying on Thursday that the Philippines was expected to pay around $1,000 per metric ton, cost and freight, at this week's tender and might pay an even higher price at its next tender in May.

"It will be about $1,000 to $1,800 in the next one in May

GMA JOB/A14

NFA rice now sold in all military camps nationwide

By Christine O. Avendaño and Alcuin Papa

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARroyo has included soldiers and their families among those to benefit from government-subsidized rice.

Ms Arroyo yesterday designated commissaries in military camps across the country as

NFA RICE/A6

Planting rice never fun, ask Mang Piring

By Anselmo Roque
Inquirer Central Luzon

SCIENCE CITY OF MUÑOZ—Farmers produce rice with sweat, sacrifice—and loans.

The whole enterprise is a gamble, with nature and a number of other factors coming into play.

Apart from the farmers, millers and traders are likewise vital in the journey of the precious grain from the fields to the dinner tables.

Their stories may help explain to Filipino consumers why the price of rice is soaring these days.

Mang Piring, 58, has been tilling his one-hectare farm in Villa Cuizon for more than 30 years.

Two months before last year's dry-season cropping that started in mid-December, knowing that the rice yield would be more than that in the July-October wet-season cropping, he visited a reputable seed grower's outlet and bought two 40-kilogram bags of hybrid rice seeds.

The "registered" seeds cost P40 a kg, so he paid P3,200. (The other seeds commonly

PLANTING/A14



Bitter ex-wife goes on video: No sex but hubby hoarded porn

THIS WEEK, THE POTENTIAL OF the Internet to expose and disgrace when marriages fall apart came into stark relief as Tricia Walsh Smith, who is being divorced by Philip Smith, a theater executive, put a video on YouTube announcing that they had never had sex, and yet she had found him hoarding Viagra, pornography and condoms.

BITTER/A6

YOUTUBE EXPOSURE

3 doctors, nurse face raps over rectal video

By Jhunnex Napallacan
Inquirer Visayas

CEBU CITY—A GOVERNMENT-run hospital here has recommended penalties, including possible dismissal against three doctors and a nurse out of over 10 medical personnel who performed the controversial rectal surgery on a patient that was videotaped and posted on YouTube.

The unidentified doctors and nurse from the Vicente Sotto Memorial Medical Center (VSMMC) have been condemned by medical associations. Health Secretary Francisco Duque III has also ordered an investigation.

The committee formed to investigate the incident released a one-page report read yesterday by VSMMC chief of clinic Dr. Roque Anthony Paradela.

Paradela said the committee

DOCTORS/A6

EAT YOUR HEARTS OUT With only lettuce leaves covering their private parts, American Isitars Ban Gundry, Filipino Katrina Lugartos and Canadian Ashley Fruno of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (Peta) whet the appetites of the noonday crowd outside Quiapo Church on Friday. Their placards say it all.



Second FrontPage

₱500M boost for veterans

GMA says amount will settle all outstanding old age pensions

By Michael Lim Ubac

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO YESTERDAY ORDERED THE infusion of an additional P500 million into the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO) to settle the government's arrears to veterans.

Additional pension

Ending the issue

Passage of a law



GENERALS AND MORE

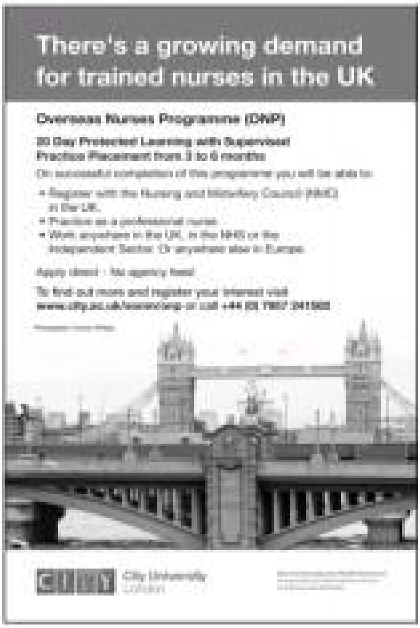
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By Alcuin Papa





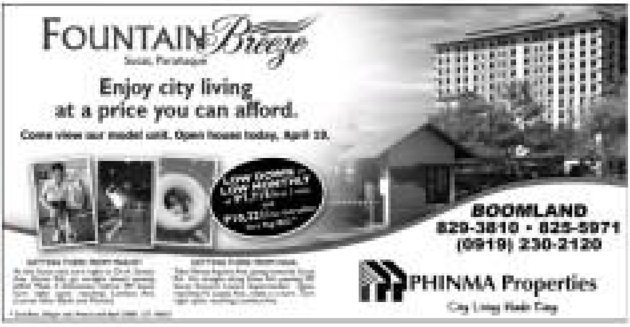
Lakas-Kampi merger eyed before Sona



NOGRALES

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Pia elected head of IPU committee



CAYETANO



Correction

IN THE APRIL 11 ISSUE, a drop head for an article on Page B2-1 of the Business Friday section—... erroneously identified Vietnam as a former communist state. Vietnam is still a communist country.



HONORARY DOCTORATE

Old hand named new COA chief



VILLAR

7-year term

From the ranks

Airport chief wants heads of state exempt from frisking

Metro sizzles; March hottest ever on Earth

By Jocelyn R. Uy

DID YOU HAVE TO CHANGE CLOTHES more than twice yesterday or felt that your air conditioners were working poorly?

The summer heat virtually turned Metro Manila into a hot spot yesterday, the hottest day so far this year, according to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, Astronomical Administration Services.

Thermometers peaked at a searing 37 degrees Celsius at around 2 p.m. at the Quezon City Science Garden yesterday, breaking this year's high of 36.5 degrees high last April 6.

The intense heat endured by the capital yesterday stemmed from the cloudless skies and the absence of wind particularly in the Luzon region, said Pagasa weather bureau chief Nathaniel Cruz.

"It is really expected that in the months of April and May, we are going to endure a hotter temperature," said Cruz.

He added that in the next three to four days, the temperature in the metropolis would range between 35 and 36 degrees because of the high pressure area in the region, which brings about good weather.

But it would not be as hot if the country were experiencing El Niño, he pointed out.

The temperature yesterday did not break Metro Manila's record in May 17, 1915, when temperature spiked to 38.6 degrees. Last year, the capital's hottest temperature reached a hot 37 degrees.

In May 14, 1987, the hottest temperature of 38.5 degrees Celsius was recorded at the Quezon City Science Garden.

Earth running a fever

The phenomenon is not solely felt in Metro Manila, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Planet Earth continues to run a fever.

Last month was the warmest March on record over land surfaces of the world and the second warmest overall worldwide, NOAA reported Thursday (Friday in Manila).

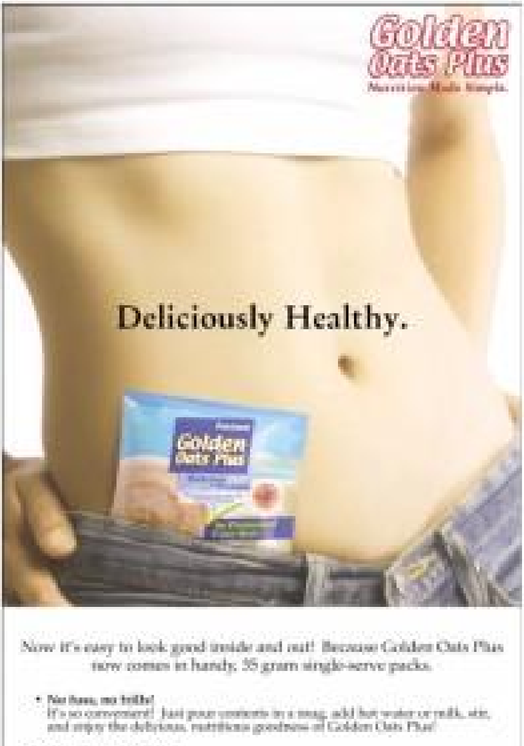
NOAA's National Climatic Data Center said high temperatures over much of Asia pulled the worldwide land temperature up to an average of 4.9 degrees Celsius (40.8 degrees Fahrenheit), 1.8 C warmer than the average in the 20th century.

While Asia had its greatest January snow cover this year, warm March readings caused a rapid melt and March snow cover on the continent was a record low.

Global ocean temperatures were the 13th warmest on record, with a weakening of the La Niña conditions that cool the tropical Pacific Ocean.

Overall land and sea surface temperatures for the world were second highest in 129 years of record keeping, trailing only 2002, the agency said.

Warming conditions in recent decades have combined to raise concerns about global climate change, which many weather and climate experts believe is related to gases released into the atmosphere by industrial and transportation processes. *With a report from AP*





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INQUIRER LIBRE JOB FAIR Vice President Noli de Castro, Inquirer president and CEO Sandy P. Romualdez, and Tutuban Shopping Complex Vice President for sales and Marketing [illegible] Espiritu listen intently to Vic Fernandez, President of the Philippine Association of Service Exporters Inc. (PASEI) during the opening day of the Inquirer Libre Job Fair at Tutuban in Divisoria. The job fair ends today.

9 dead as bus falls off ravine

By Armando Roque and Rosario Orsuja
Inquirer Central Luzon

CABANATUAN CITY—NINE persons were killed while 25 others were hurt when a passenger bus bound for Cabanatuan [illegible] plunged into a 25-meter ravine in Barangay Malbang in Pantabangan, Nueva Ecija on Friday morning, police said.

Senior Supt. Napoleon Tan, Nueva Ecija police chief said only two fatalities—Rudy [illegible] and James Santiago—have so far been identified as of 5 p.m. Friday.

The D'Liner Bus with body No. 588 had just left Cabanatuan City and was negotiating a zigzag road in Pantabangan town at about 10:35 a.m. when it developed engine trouble and plunged into the deep ravine, Tan said.

Senior Insp. [illegible] said the brakes on the bus apparently malfunctioned.

Nine women and five men were killed in the accident, [illegible] told The Associated Press. He said at least 20 other passengers, including a 5-year-old child, were brought to hospitals.

The bus driver, [illegible], was also taken to a hospital here but the bus conductor, [illegible], could not be found.

[illegible] said it was not clear how many people had been on the bus because some of the injured were taken to hospitals by passing cars before police arrived.

Rescue workers from the police, Department of Public Works and Highways, Army's 70th Infantry Battalion and the Task Force [illegible] of the provincial government were still verifying the number of passengers, Tan said. *With a report from AP*

Lingayen gets full authority over reclaimed areas of Hundred Islands

THE PHILIPPINE RECLAMATION Authority (PRA) has given Lingayen, Pangasinan, Mayor Hernani Braganza the authority to control, supervise, regulate and manage all activities within the reclaimed portion of the Hundred Islands as well as the Lucap Wharf and its foreshore areas.

"Finally, we can ensure the protection of the environment while attracting business investors to contribute to livelihood and more jobs for the people," said PRA general manager Andrea Domingo in a press statement.

The city has set aside 34 hectares of reclaimed area at the Lucap Wharf as a new residential and business zone of the Hundred Islands National Park (HINP).

Domingo said the reclaimed area of 34 ha is envisioned to become a business district off the world-class 300 isles of the city.

A memorandum of agreement (MOA) was signed by Domingo and Braganza in the Lucap Bay on March 15.

Full support

"The mayor has my full support in his drive to develop the reclaimed property while preserving the natural resources of the Hundred Islands," she said.

Domingo tasked Braganza and residents and investors within the area to comply with the guidelines, rules and regulations on reclamation.

"Secure and comply with all applicable environmental laws, rules and regulations," she said.

On the other hand, PRA shall review, evaluate and approve all reclamation projects within Lucap Bay and its foreshore areas.

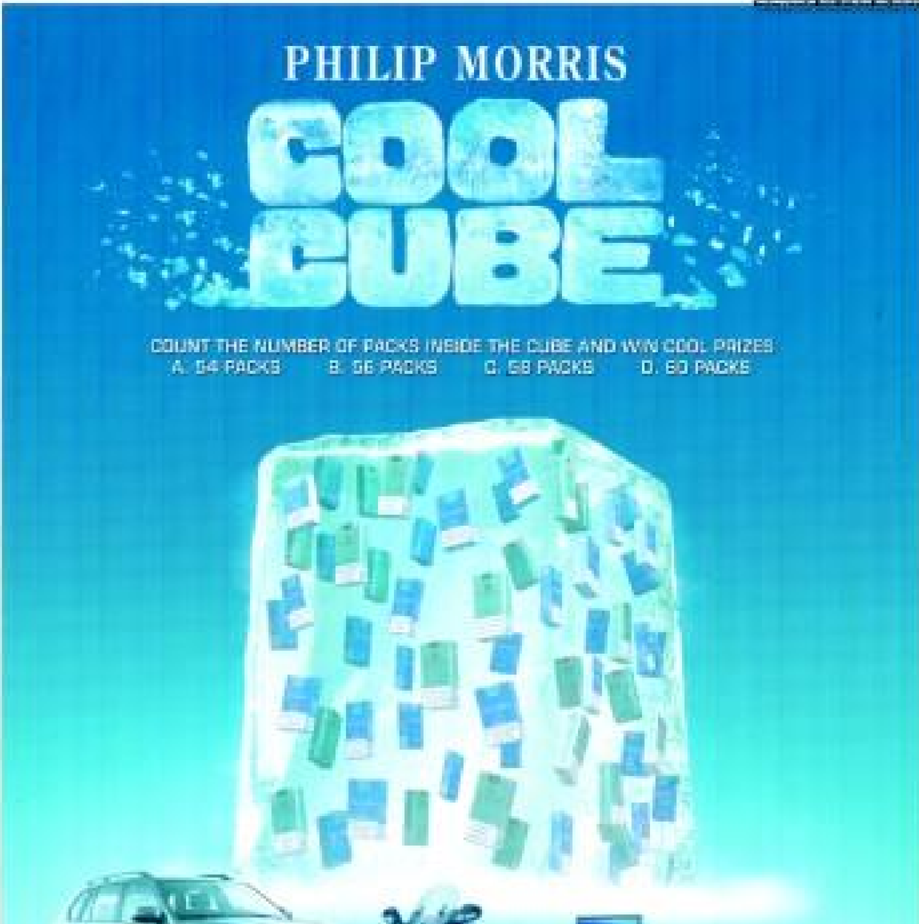
Domingo warned that she would strictly monitor the city's compliance.

Braganza said the agreement has given the city the clear authority to develop a master plan.

"Hopefully, residents and business operators within the reclaimed area could now have a sense of security," he said.



SEALED WITH A HANDSHAKE Philippine Reclamation Authority general manager Andrea Domingo and Lingayen City Mayor Hernani Braganza shake hands after signing a memorandum of agreement giving the city authority over reclaimed areas of the Hundred Islands in Pangasinan.



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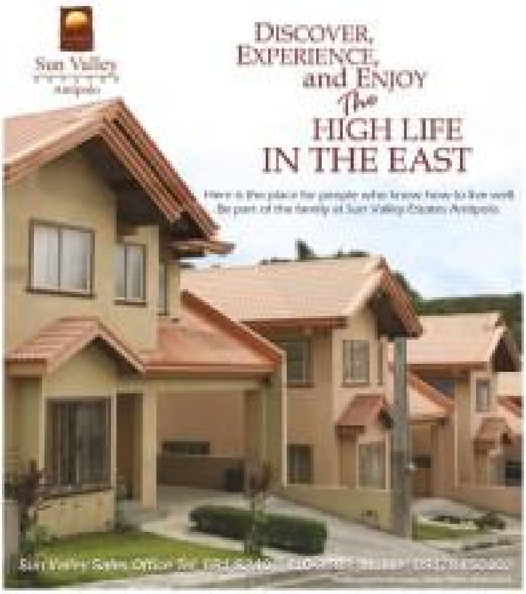
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Cancer patient makes God look hip in T-shirt designs



CANCER PATIENT Mia Hollero, 19, and her T-shirt creations.

Across the NATION

Massacre of trees at John Hay looms

BAGUIO CITY—EYES ARE FOCUSED ON A forested area of Camp John Hay here, which could lose from 800 to 13,000 trees if the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (Peza) pushes through with its plan to clear the area for industry expansion.

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Forest land

[illegible]

Woods

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Negros supply

[illegible]



CATCH OF THE DAY

[illegible]

500 families flee clashes between clans

[illegible]

Fish pens are on the way out in Pangasinan town

[illegible]



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Luisita workers urged: Start planting rice

[illegible]

Controversy hounds Teachers Camp restoration

By Vincent Cabreza
Inquirer Northern Luzon

BAGUIO CITY—A MAD RUSH to complete the restoration work on the 100-year-old Teachers' Camp has backfired on [illegible].

Contractors who bid for the project complained that the Department of Education took shortcuts when it began renovation work.

Rolando Yulong, owner of [illegible] General Construction, has complained to Education Secretary Jesli Lapus and the Office of the Ombudsman about officials who allegedly awarded major contracts, worth P[illegible] million, to rivals who should have failed to qualify.

Yulong got to seek Education Assistant Secretary Jonathan Malaya, acting manager of the camp, and members of the camp's bids and awards committee (BAC), according to a notarized affidavit sent to the Inquirer.

Another contractor, who lost the bid, said in the Inquirer another set of documents to suggest fraud, but he asked for anonymity because he has not yet decided whether he would also pursue a case against DepEd.

Lourdes Gonzaga, acting assistant manager of the camp, said she would reply only when an official investigation is conducted, but she said everything about the renovation work has been above board. Gonzaga chairs the BAC.

The Teachers' Camp celebrated its centennial on April 8, but officials commemorated the event with a "soft launch" because of slow work to reconstruct the American-era buildings there.

Instead, the DepEd scheduled a major centennial celebration on May 14.

Under contention were six landscaping contracts that require a complete overhaul of the cottages, gardens and roads inside the camp.

Some camp facilities that would be recovered are the roads and field oval, which used to be operated here by the Philippine Sports Commission, and buildings that house the Cordillera branch of the Philippine Public Safety College and the National Police Commission.

These agencies have been asked to move out of the camp, after almost 20 years.

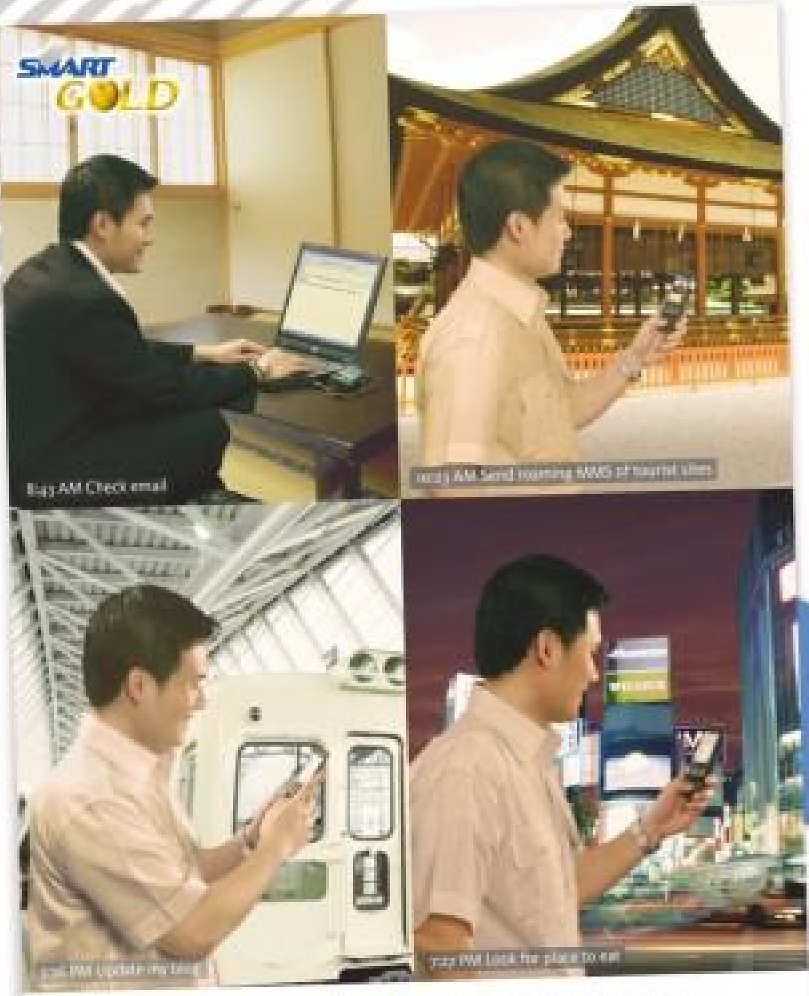
The contract also requires the repair or reconstruction of the camp's amphitheater, the Albert Hall, as well as the roads leading to these facilities.

Each contract is specific about the dimensions of the buildings and the variety of flowers that would be planted around the camp.

Malaya, in a previous interview, said he wanted to restore the green and white colors of the facilities, which used to identify the camp when it was run by the American colonial government.



PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo during a recent tour of Teachers' Camp.



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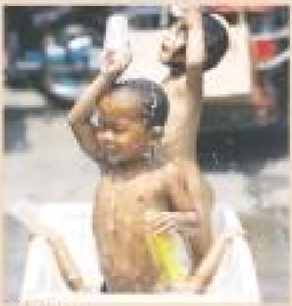
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MALACAÑANG HAS TEMPORARILY LIFTED THE suspension of Rodriguez Mayor Pedro Cuerpo.

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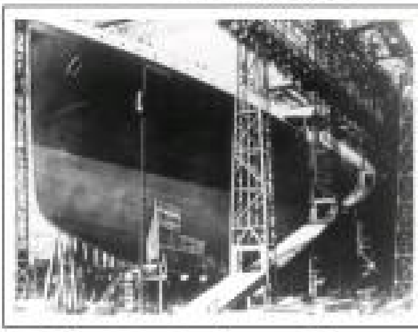
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Suicide bomber kills 51 Iraqi mourners

KIRKUK, IRAQ—A SUICIDE BOMBER BLEW himself up in a crowd of mourners north of Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 51 people in one of the biggest insurgent attacks in violence-torn Iraq this year.

[illegible]



AN IRAQI woman mourns the death of her relative killed in a suicide bomb attack in the town of Albu Mohammed about 130 km north of Baghdad, on April 17. AFP

Zawahri: US war on Iraq nothing but failure, defeat

DUBAI—AL-QAEDA'S SECOND-IN-command Ayman al-Zawahri said in an audio message to mark five years since the US-led invasion of Iraq that Washington's war had met with nothing but failure and defeat.

[illegible]



QAEDA NO. 2 Zawahri

Reuters

Pentagon funds research into regrowing limbs

WASHINGTON—THE PENTAGON IS JOINING with universities and hospitals in a $250-million research institute to develop ways to help wounded soldiers regenerate skin, muscle and even limbs from their own stem cells, officials said Thursday.

[illegible]

AFP

24 killed in Afghan suicide attack

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN—A SUICIDE ATtack in front of a mosque in southwestern Afghanistan killed 24 people and wounded more than 30 others, a provincial governor said Friday.

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So outplays Megaranto in Jakarta duel opener



Ikeda advances; Aunzo falls

Superbikes: Buncio targets big repeat



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Darts Encounter gets going

'Bullang Bullang' on at PSG

Heritage Cup semis today

Celtics, KG ready for run at NBA title





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Frenchman leads Volvo Open; Lascuña, Miñoza safely thru



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Fernando, Tanpinco face tougher foes this time

World champs Hohmann, Archer join RP Pool Tour



Federer demolishes foe

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RP seen surviving high commodity prices

Citi economist: Challenges will only slow down RP momentum

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES IS NOT AT HIGH RISK OF BEing rocked by food riots or political instability similar to what skyrocketing food prices and scant supply have done to some poor countries, American banking giant Citigroup said.

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SHARE PRICES CLOSED LOWER yesterday on persistent concerns about the US economy and rising domestic inflation, which could prompt the central bank to lift interest rates, dealers said.

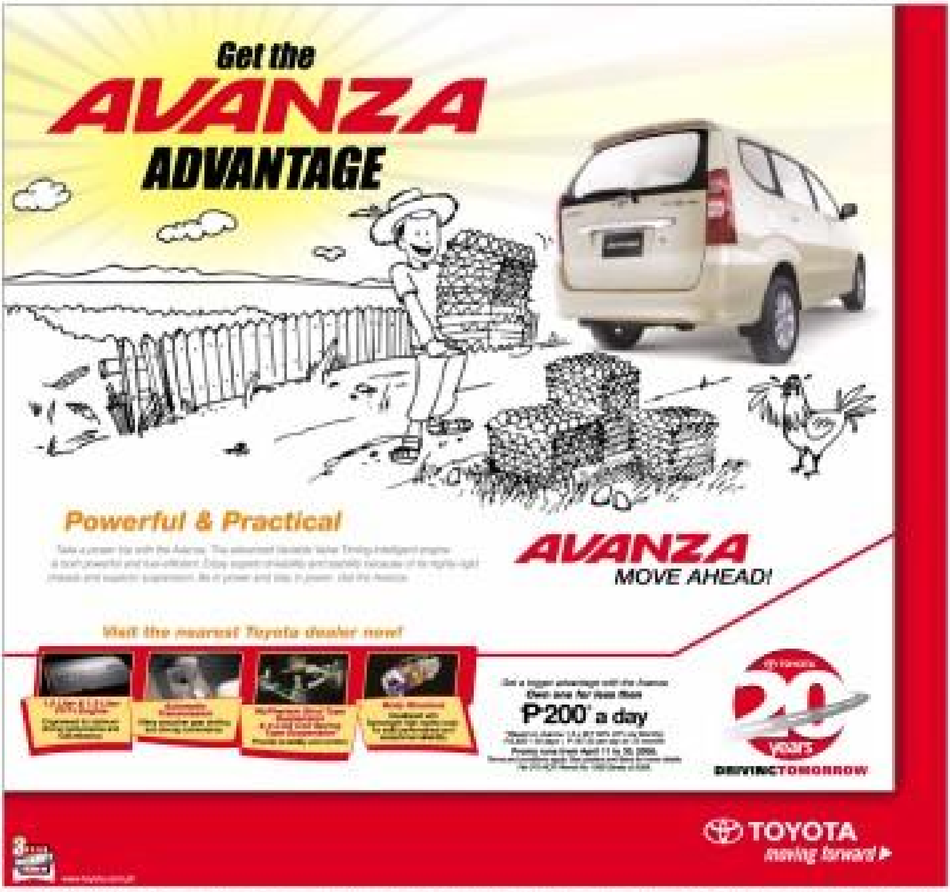
AFP

RP restarts air talks with Macau, Canada

By Riza T. Olchondra

THE PHILIPPINE AIR PANEL IS GEARING for a new round of air talks with Macau and Canada before summer ends.

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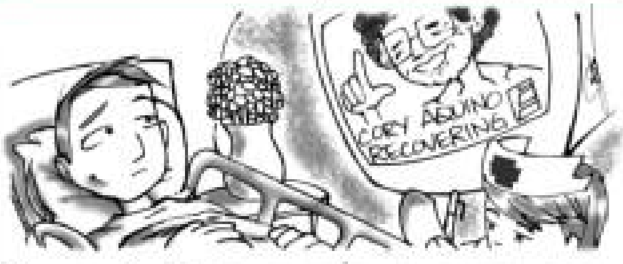
Arab firm invests in RP banana industry

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DOTC to allot ₱1B for transport program

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Surviving colon cancer

IT'S UNFORTUNATE THAT IT took the diagnosis last month of former President Corazon "Cory" Aquino's colon cancer to bring this type of cancer into the open.

High cure rate

No dramatic symptoms

More likely option

No-surgery, no-scar treatment of varicose veins at St. Luke's

CarePlus



Angelo Palmones

Surgery



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Ultrasound study

The cost of quality

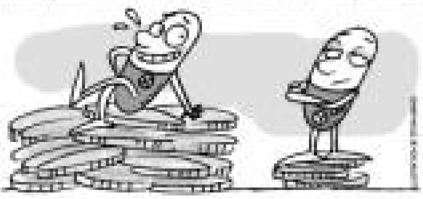
WOULD MORE PEOPLE BUY A GENERIC drug if it cost as much as the brand-name product?

DISCOVER



Tolerance for pain

Equating cost with quality



Silymarin: natural medicine offers benefits for the liver

TRADITIONAL TREATMENT FOR diseases always included natural remedies

Protecting the giver of the ultimate gift

By Rafael R. Castillo, MD



MEDICAL FILES

More lax than old policy

Detailed analysis

Some guidelines

Protect donor's welfare

Filipino myths on gargling debunked



Effective oxidizing agent

Effectiveness

When do you say enough is enough?

PROPERTY

Editor Cesar D. Mangawang

Reduce summer heat in and out of your home

By Tessa R. Salazar

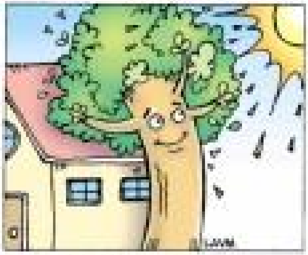
FOR THE LUCKY few who can afford big lots for their houses, nature herself can do most of the work keeping these houses cool. Trees and well-planned landscaping can make homes with big lots a sanctuary from heat, instead of being homes from hell, especially during summer months.

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But for those who can't afford buying a large chunk of space, there are artificial ways to bring the Celsius down.

Used in insulating materials

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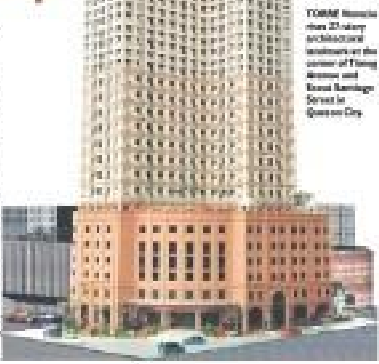
Modern living in Quezon City

By Charles B. Bialan

WHILE MOST OF THE highly rated residential condominiums are located in the cities of Makati, Taguig, Pasig and Mandaluyong, home buyers will be glad that a new one has recently risen in Quezon City.

Particularly attractive

Deliver sense of well-being



The spaces where we can find ourselves



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Isabel Berenguer Arancione

Healthy combination

Perfect symmetrical balance

Sense of order

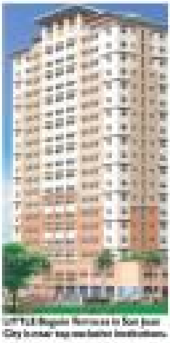


Reduce summer heat . . .

Heat blockers

Helpful hints

Empire East projects strong demand for 3 new transit-oriented projects



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Lavish living options

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Look more inviting

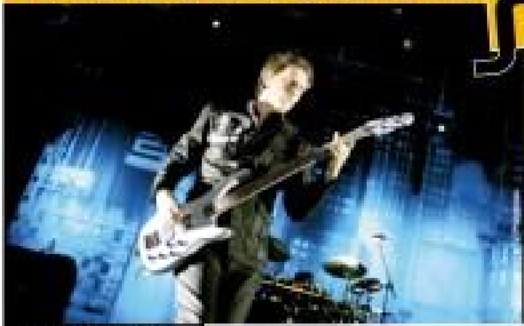
Decent environment



Let's be neighbors!

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Be kind rewind

The '80s are so back. But minus the stuff that makes us cringe, like shoulder pads, hairspray that punctured holes in the ozone layer, neon cycling shorts worn as outerwear and MC Hammer. No, what we're seeing today is a new wave of the New Wave—call it the new '80s. Believe it or not, it's looking good.

Neon

New Wave sound

Sweet Valley High

New Kids On the Block reunited

Nintendo

Madonna (but she never really left)

Protest rallies

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Knight Rider

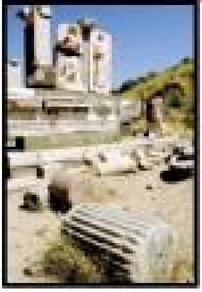
Indiana Jones

Supermodels

Gabby Concepcion

Classic rocks

In the time-warped Aegean coast of Turkey, gear-up for a wild, raki 'n' roll adventure through the great outdoors of antiquity



LOST IN TRANSIT

Paolo R. Reyes



AGE OF COLUMNINATION The Temple of Artemis at the foot of Mt. Tmolus

IT WAS AS IF THE DUBIOUS TV repairman from "Pleasantville" pushed a button on his MacGyver-like contraption and zapped me into television—only this wasn't a black-and-white '50s sitcom with a Be-Bop-A-Lula soundtrack, but a series more akin to Discovery Channel's "Time Detectives."



HEAD AND SOLDIER(S) A marble statue in Curetes Way



ROCK 'N' RUINS The ancient Roman spa town of Hierapolis



TOMB RAIDER An apostle's remains in Ayasuluk Hill, Selcuk



ANCIENT ADVERTISING Sign to the brothel in Ephesus

Hierapolis

Pamukkale



COTTON CASTLE The cliffside travertines of Pamukkale



HIDDEN AGENDA The Library at Celsus and the Gate of Augustus in Ephesus

Philadelphia

Sardis

Ephesus

HOW TO GET THERE

TOUR ARRANGEMENTS



GOLD AND DUST The Marble Court of the Hall of the Imperial Cult in Sardis

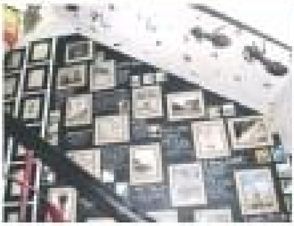


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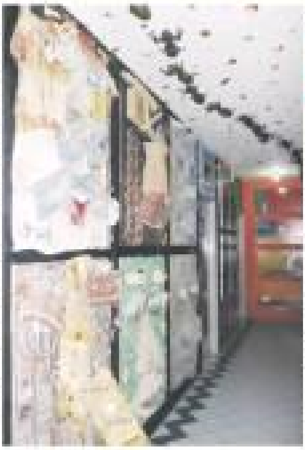




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FLIP-FLOPPING on the beach



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If one's way of life hasn't been working for years, maybe it's time to get rid of it

The delusion of separation







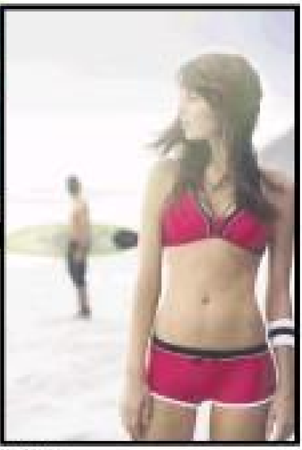
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No one—and no culture—is an island





DO YOU remember Thunderball?



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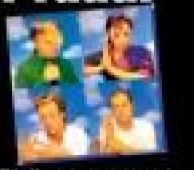


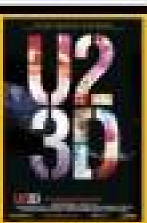




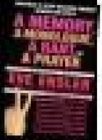
24/7 Super radar

By Jodee Cuenca-Clarke and Exel Juan











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Or the night when idols from a past lifetime took the stage, proving that they are no '80s relics.

REFLEX-ions



TAYLOR-MADE John Taylor [illegible]

"LET FEAR NOT rule our lives ... I believe we are the generation that will make that change."

No, that wasn't a campaign speech of a presidential candidate. Those were the inspirational words of [illegible] Simon Le Bon in between ballads at last week's concert. Quite a departure from the same singer's cryptic refrain 20 years ago, when he warned the masses, albeit in perfect rhythm, that "the Union of the Snake is on the climb." Back then, I had no clue as to what

SUPER next D4



My '80s playground

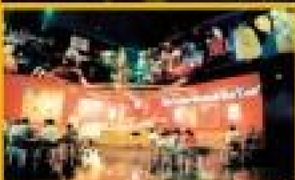
I am no longer that shoulder-sitting, ferris wheel-fearing kid but I still enjoy my '80s playground

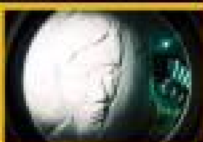




ARANETA CENTER WAS MY PLAYground in the '80s.



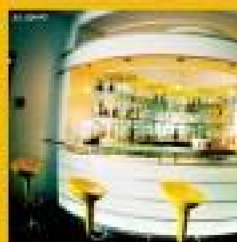














Your turn to play

ARANETA Center invited lomographers to invade their territory with their beloved toy cameras. On this page are their favorite shots. Here's how you can make Araneta Center your own playground.

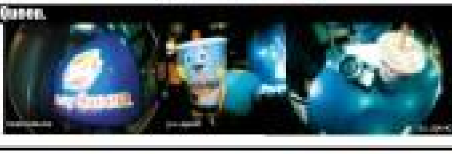
1. Watch a show.



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3. Cool off at Dairy Queen.



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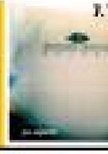
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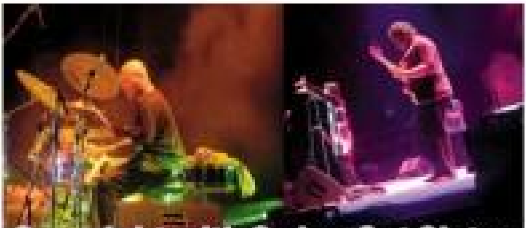


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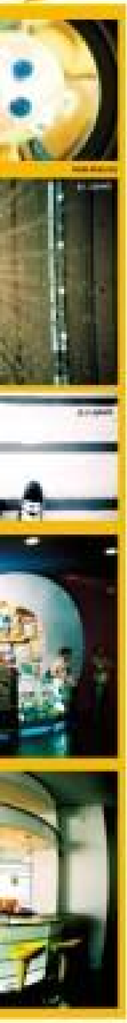
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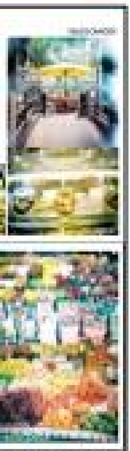




One night with Swing Out Sister





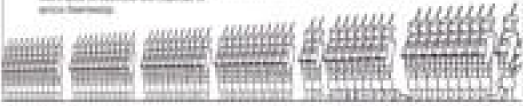


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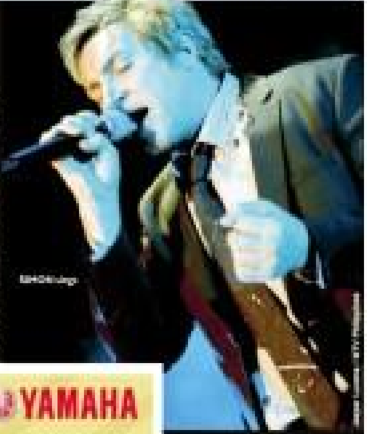
ROTC Daze

Today's undergrads have no idea what it means

Threw a party.



REFLEX-ions







KEYMASTER Nick Rhodes

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ARCHITECT OF THE WORLD Ettore Sottsass



Hello kitschy

How an artist in the eighties changed the way we look at design today

By James Sabello

IT WAS A DECADE that gave birth to Michael Jackson's moonwalk, Nancy Reagan's "Just Say No" campaign, a killer virus now known as AIDS, and the toppling of the Berlin Wall. Musicians like Eurythmics, Madonna, and Culture Club ruled the music charts, while Calvin Klein, Perry Ellis, and Donna Karan became fashion's catwalk royalty.

The eighties—the "Me, Me, Me" decade of disposable income, big shoulder pads, and the new breed of billionaires—has been

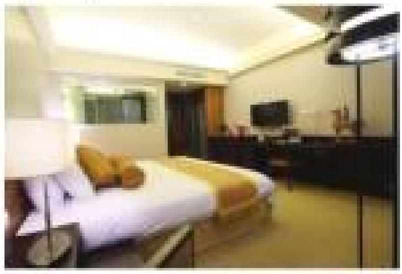
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Tong Yang Jupiter brings back its Grand Buffet Specials



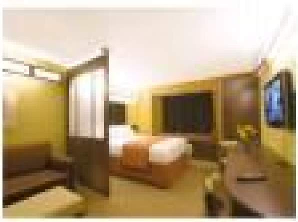
BLISSFUL SATURDAYS AT THE BELLEVUE



Biggest Microtel Inn and Suites opens in Cebu



BLACKBEARD'S SEAFOOD ISLAND PANSIT BUCO WITH SHRIMP AND FISH



Hello kitschy

Recognized for his uniquely subversive and counterintuitive vision, Ettore Sottsass was one of the most influential architects this world has seen. His last set of studio pieces brought together a lifetime exploration of material, color, and form into their most elegant and seductive application yet.

Drive me neo-crazy





Istugan night with LomoManila

DJ Tiesto moves to a bigger venue

Shock of the News

By Jason Mendoza



"PASSED OUT" by Tara Almario

BLOGS MULTIPLY. Facebook. Digital cameras. Cameras with phones. Today's society is one of the most narcissistic there ever was. Walk around any mall and you will see people taking pictures of themselves with their camera phones. Probably to be posted on their blog or website. Creating a scandal was never so easy as it is today. Whether or not one was out to get their 15-minute of fame in an incriminating photo or if a harmless photo is commented about in a malicious way, a thousand words are stuck to pictures. Francesca Ayala, Kate Santos and Tara Almario are three artists who decided to take scandal into their own hands in the exhibit "Scandalous" that opens tonight at Sagujo Gallery.

The exhibit is a commentary of how society is desensitized about things that would normally be categorized as shocking. "If you look around at these people who are supposed to be role models, you find them doing things they shouldn't be doing," says Cesca Ayala. "Even Vanessa Hudgens has those photos!" Cesca, Tara and Kate came up with today's most talked about vices that plague celebrities and that put people on the net—drugs, drinking, sex scandals, eating disorders and created an exhibit that revolves around the fact that so many people are doing that it isn't shocking anymore. "So many girls try to get attention by it all, but at the end of the day, they are all the same!" Cesca emphasizes. In the works, there are no identities, but only incriminating acts being carried out. This, the three girls say, is what you get remembered for.

The girls will surely be remembered for this exhibit, as each is a talented artist in their own right. Each artist contributes her own take on the theme of scandal using different mediums. Francesca's art is a graphic illustration of the different 'scandalous' acts, very in your face. Cesca is a writer by profession and is a columnist of another broadsheet. She majored in Visual and communication arts for her undergraduate at Franklin in Switzerland and is off to graduate school in USC in the next week. "I thought of this show while I was trying to be inspired, of course that would not happen in my zombie-thinking joy-eating existence, so I decided it was time to do something productive," she says. Cesca asked close friend Tara Almario who she has known since fifth grade and is her art director, for all shoots she does for her broadsheet. Tara's works are all photographs taken with Lomo cameras, each shot in a parody of paparazzi shots. The different effects of the lomo camera make the photograph almost surreal. Of the three, Kate Santos, who Francesca calls her "goddess" is the only formally trained artist. Kate did her foundation year for fine art at London's prestigious Slade School of Art. She then did her undergraduate at Schiller University with further studies at Goldsmiths. She is currently working on pieces for the Royal Academy of Art's summer show. For this exhibit however, Kate moved away from her usual medium and is giving installation a try. Kate's installation takes the individual items—bottles, pills, cigarettes—all the things that make up vices and renders them all white. For Kate, people pick and choose from this "buffet" of vices and create some sort of identity from that.



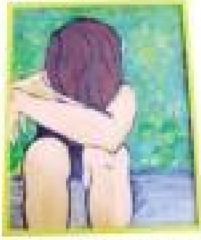
FRANCESCA Ayala's "Crayon Fight"



"PARTY" by Tara Almario

Unlike the many scandalous photos that populate the Internet today, the creators of this exhibit have put a lot of thought into their work and the shoots direction and message. They are not promoting scandalous behavior, but rather, putting it in perspective. Frito Lay and Club Filipino, two icons of wholesome living, sponsor the show. There will be an interactive wall at the show, where the artists ask the guests to answer the question, "What is the most scandalous thing you have ever done?" Better that it ends up anonymous on an exhibit wall than anywhere else.

"Scandalous" opens at Sagujo Gallery, 8 p.m., Saturday April 19.



FRANCESCA Ayala's "Big Girls Don't Cry"



KATE SANTOS' Art Installation

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Pinay 'jazzipino' singer makes waves in US

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New Cinemalaya films gear up for 2008 festival

By Nestor U. Torre

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'Baby Angelo'

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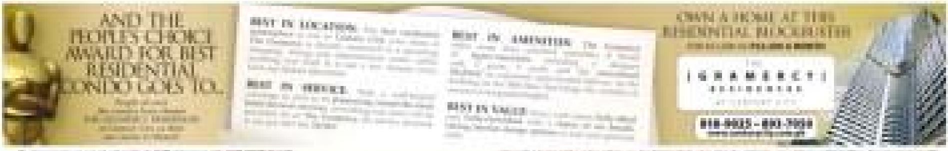
'Concerto'

'Jay'

'Ranchero'

'Boses'

SATURDAY Special



NOW SHOWING

Reeves, Evans battle corruption in gritty police thriller



By Rito P. Asilo

"Street Kings"
Dir. David Ayer
St. Keanu Reeves, Chris Evans, Forest Whitaker and Hugh Laurie

MOVIES ABOUT crime and police corruption are always intriguing. Director David Ayer's dark but frenetic dramatic thriller, "Street Kings," is no exception.

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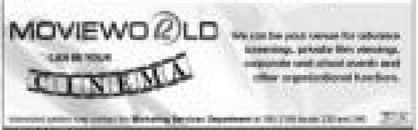
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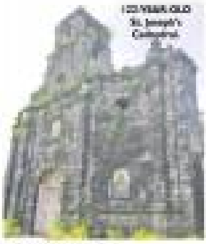
Reeves, Evans battle corruption . . .



Gabby . . .

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Comeback performance



133-YEAR-OLD St. Joseph's Cathedral.

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Majestic backdrop

Exploring Bicol

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Mandy Navasero

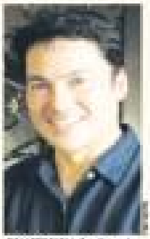




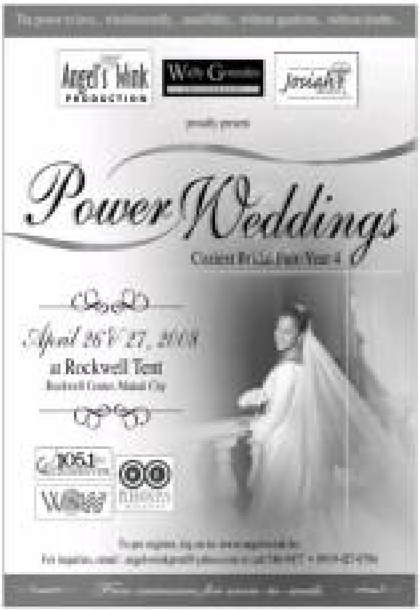
CAGSAWA Ruins with Mayon Volcano as backdrop.

Lush forest

Gabby overload?



Career







Essence of winning

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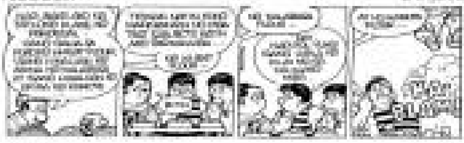
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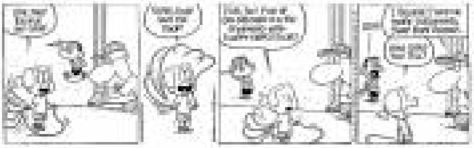
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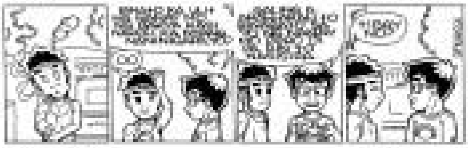


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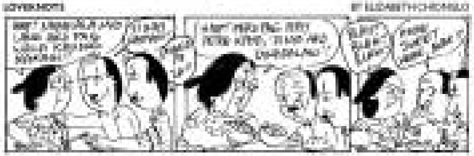


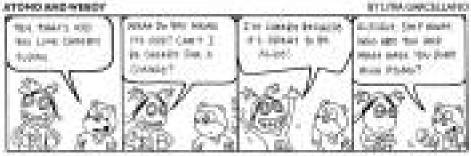
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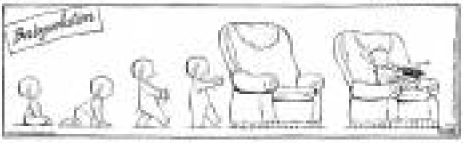


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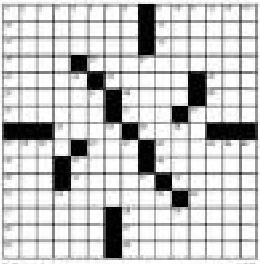




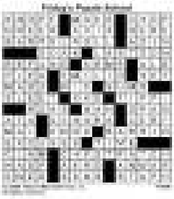
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DAILY CROSSWORD



Friday's Puzzle Solved



HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

		4	9		1	3		
6			4					9
3				9		8		7
			6		3			
7		6		5				2
5					7			3
		1	5		2	4		

Difficulty Level ★★★★

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.
Tips and program at www.sudoku.com

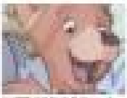
Answer to previous puzzle

Man vs legend in 'Strange Wilderness'

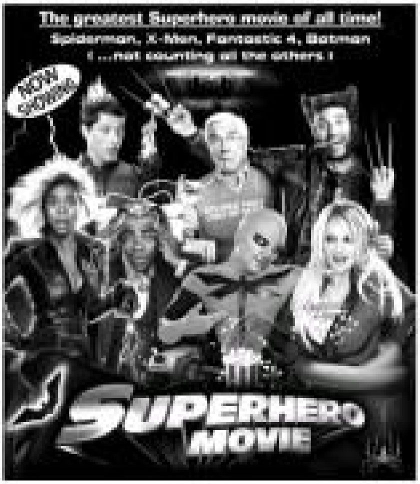
'Bolang'

Kideo on SkyCable 38

Out on video



"LITTLE BEAR," [illegible]





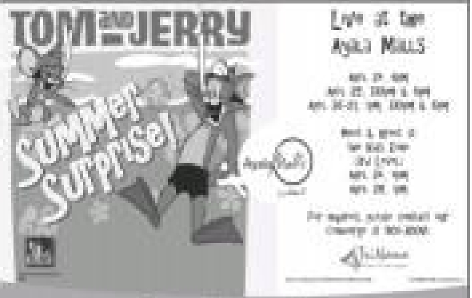
AT THE CINEMAS

GLORIETTA 1	1 STREET KINGS	2 NIM'S ISLAND	3 SUPERHERO MOVIE	4 [illegible]
GLORIETTA 4	1 88 MINUTES	2 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL	3 STREET KINGS	
	4 NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN	5 NIM'S ISLAND	6 SUPERHERO MOVIE	7 SHUTTER
GREENBELT 1	1 STREET KINGS	2 SUPERHERO MOVIE		
GREENBELT 3	1 88 MINUTES	2 STREET KINGS		
	3 SHUTTER	4 NO COUNTRY FOR OLD MEN	5 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL	
ALABANG TOWN CENTER	1 STREET KINGS	2 SUPERHERO MOVIE		
	3 88 MINUTES	4 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL	5 SHUTTER	
AYALA CENTER CEBU	1 SUPERHERO MOVIE	2 88 MINUTES	3 [illegible]	4 [illegible]
MARKET! MARKET!	1 STREET KINGS	2 NIM'S ISLAND		
	3 SUPERHERO MOVIE	4 88 MINUTES	5 [illegible]	
TRINOMA	1 [illegible]	2 SUPERHERO MOVIE	3 THE OTHER BOLEYN GIRL	4 SHUTTER
	5 NIM'S ISLAND	6 88 MINUTES	7 STREET KINGS	

AT THE MALLS

Glorietta	[illegible]
Greenbelt	[illegible]
Alabang Town Center	[illegible]
Ayala Center Cebu	[illegible]
Market! Market!	[illegible]
Cinemagics	[illegible]
Ayala Museum	[illegible]
TriNoma	[illegible]







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MONTAGE

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